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HISTORY

to Warminster. On Thursday the King held the Council of War which Macaulay describes, but wrongly places on the Saturday. On Friday night (November 23-24) Churchill and Grafton deserted,¹ and on Saturday James began his retreat. George Clarke, who, as judge advocate, was summoned to the headquarters of the army and had set out from London in company with Dr. Radcliffe, met the King and the army marching back :

We went with the King to Andover and waited upon him at his quarters, with the Prince of Denmark and the Duke of Ormond. I can never forget the confusion the court was in ; the Lord Churchill had gone over to the Prince of Orange from Salisbury the night before, and the Duke of Grafton that morning ; the King knew not whom to trust, and the fright was so great that they were apt to believe an impossible report just then brought in that the Prince of Orange was come with twelve thousand horse between Warminster and Salisbury. Upon hearing it the Lord Feversham, the general, never questioned the truth, but cried out: Zounce, then Kirk be asleep. This I was an ear witness of. Everybody in this hurly-burly was thinking of himself, and nobody minded the King, who came up to Dr. Radcliffe and asked him what was good for the bleeding of his nose : it was the last time that ever I saw him.²

The same night the Prince of Denmark and the Duke of Ormond deserted and went back to Salisbury

to join the
Prince of Orange. News of Prince George's
desertion and
of the impending return of James to London
reached the
Princess Anne on the following day. Afraid to
face her
father, she fled from Whitehall late that night,
took shelter
with the Bishop of London in Aldersgate
Street, and set
on next day to Epping Forest on her way to
Nottingham.

¹Macaulay's dates are clearly wrong here.

²Leyborne-Popham MSS., p. 267.